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Allen's granddaughter wins pageant in Kansas

Leta Morgan, daughter of Barbara and Bruce Morgan of Wichita, Kan., was the Little Miss America Pre-Teen pageant of Wichita. She is the granddaughter of Maxine Allen and Willie B. Allen of the South Community. Leta attended Shiloh Day Care when she was three years old. Congratulations from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Texas Amigos.

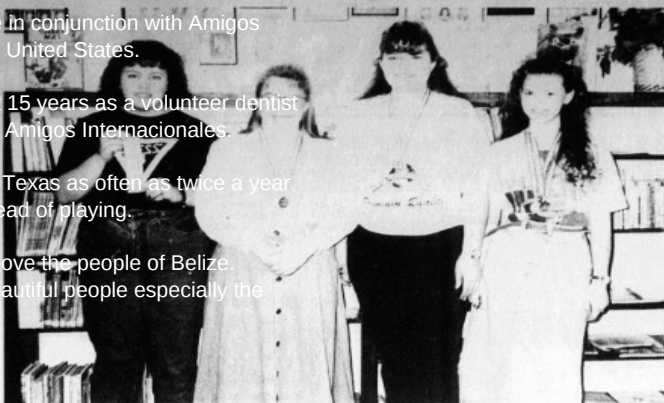
Paula Lawson, sophomore of Atlanta High School, won the first 100-meter dash and second in the 200-meter dash. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawson.

Allen and Rodgers Retreat Center of Unity Association will have a workshop Sunday, March 31, at

5:30 p.m. with several discussions and the sermon will be by Rev. W.M. Brizell of Tyler. The moderator is the Rev. N.N. Rodgers.

The youth of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church will hold an Easter program Sunday, March 31, at 1 p.m. with an egg hunt and a parade. Sponsors are Jeanette Lawson, Emma Clayton and Mrs. Gloria Lewis.

Mrs. Vanilla Hunter's progress is slow. The prayers of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church are with her.



McLeod UIL winners

These four McLeod students won during the University Interscholastic League literary competition in District 20A, held in Harlingen recently. Jennifer Howard took first in spelling and Ready Writing, Jennifer Perry placed second in spelling, Kimberly Rhoads took 3rd place in Number Sense, and Christina Smith won fifth in poetry reading. Howard, Perry and Rhoads will advance to regional competition in Kilgore on April 20.

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Food King names winner

Martha Godwin, left, of Atlanta, was recently named the winner of a \$100 shopping spree at Food King in Atlanta. Contestants spent a minimum of \$25 in the store and then put their names on the back of their grocery receipts. A drawing was held to determine the winner. Presenting Mrs. Godwin and her two children with their certificate is assistant manager Ronnie Cox.

Unemployment declining in Texas

Journal Staff Report

More Texans appear to be back on the job, now that the war has ended and spring is here. The Texas Employment Commission hasn't said that those factors are contributors to the improved job picture, but the unemployment rate did drop from 6.9 percent in January to 6.2 percent in February.

In Cass County, the February rate of 7.7 percent was down by a whole point from January's 8.7 percent jobless rate. That's also better than last February's rate of 8 percent.

Texas Employment Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers commented that "Of interest also, is the fact that the state's total employment has increased by over 133,000 thus far in 1991." All but one of the 27 metro areas in the state exhibited declining unemployment rates between January and February. The only area where the rate did not drop was Fort Worth-Arlington, where it remained unchanged.

Of the 14,817 members of the civilian job market in Cass County, all but 1,140 were employed. The jobless rate for the nine counties that make up the Northeast Texas Statistical Data Area was 7.3 percent in February, down from 7.9 percent in January. Morris County still had the highest rate of any local county. They had a 17.2 percent rate, slightly lower than January's 17.3 percent.

The Arkansas jobless rate in February was 7.5 percent, down from January's 8.2 percent. The national unemployment rate was 7.2 percent, up slightly from the 7 percent reported in January.

National officials attributed the jobless rate increase to a portion of the workforce having to leave their jobs to report for duty in the Persian Gulf.

In the service

COFFRY

Sgt. Henry A. "Hank" Coffrey was recently included in the battalion which recaptured the town of Khafji and liberated Kuwait in

the Persian Gulf war. He is in the 11th Marines attached to the first division.

He is the son of Danny and Betty Bells of Douglasville and attended Atlanta High School.

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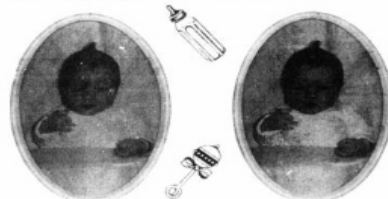
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really means I love the people of Belize. To travel to a remote village and live and work with such beautiful people, especially the

children, always reminds me of why I come." Nichols is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Nichols of Atlanta.



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